



## SCOTT-COLLINS WINERY

775 Cascade

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This comfortable brick and stucco residence is graced by a gabled roofed, long shed dormer, and classical portico entrance. It was built in the early 1880s as a two-story distillery, part of the successful Scott-Collins Winery.

Lemuel and Salvin Collins came to California from New York in the early 1850s. Salvin became a partner in a popular Montgomery Street saloon in San Francisco, and his brother took up farming, in 1862 purchasing 320 acres of land in what is now Sunnyvale. Lemuel died in 1879, and Salvin took over his brother's farm, planting 160 acres in grapes. He

soon constructed a four-story brick winery and this landmark distillery building. From these he supplied his saloon and "chop house," by this time a quality restaurant known for its "fine wines and liquors."

Salvin died in 1884, and his widow Angelina Russell Collins assumed responsibility for the winery. By 1889 she shipped over 300 gallons of wine daily and brought a private railroad spur on to the property. Angelina married San Francisco importer Emerson Wesley Scott in 1890, and he assisted her in the business. Then known as the Pebbleside

Vineyards and Winery, they could produce 550,000 gallons of wine and 2,000 gallons of brandy annually. At San Francisco's 1894 Mid-Winter Fair in Golden Gate Park, Pebblestone won first prizes for its Petit Pinot and Zinfandel, and an 1895 *San Jose Mercury* souvenir booklet cited Angelina as "one of Santa Clara County's well known winemakers." Angelina died in 1896, and Emerson Scott passed away the next year.

During the mid-1890s, drought accelerated the spread of phylloxera, a root louse that began plaguing Santa Clara Valley vintners in 1892. The Scott estate continued to rent its vineyards, but diminishing productivity made the winery unprofitable. In 1906 the Pebbleside Poultry Farm took over

the former winery, and Marianni Orchards leased the buildings for fruit dehydration. A fire in 1927 destroyed the four story winery, and two years later the Ferguson family purchased the old distillery. They converted it to a summer home, adding the shed dormer windows which reflected the popular California Bungalow style. They designed the first floor, although asymmetrical in presentation, in the Georgian Revival style.

This landmark building was spared destruction by real estate development in the early 1960s, and a thick coat of white paint was removed, exposing the original brick construction. In May 1983 the City of Sunnyvale declared it a Landmark.



The Scott-Collins Distillery. *Santa Clara County and Its Resources* (1896).

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PLANNING DIVISION

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Re: Letter of Justification for consideration under the Mills Act

Dear Mr. Lynch,

My wife Mary and I are requesting the consideration of the Heritage Preservation Committee of our home and its qualification under the Mills Act.

Our home is located at 775 Cascade Drive and is commonly referred to as the Collins-Scott Winery. The structure erected in 1883 is the oldest brick structure in Santa Clara County. Originally a commercial structure used as a brandy distillery for the Collins-Scott winery the property was converted to a residence in 1927. Designated as a historical landmark in 1985 by the Sunnyvale Heritage Preservation Committee the home represents an important link to the history of Santa Clara Valley

We are requesting the properties inclusion under the Mills Act to make vital repairs in line with the quality construction of the original structure. In the early 1960's an addition was constructed and attached to the rear of the structure through a connecting breezeway. Although the addition was of quality construction the products used were very much of an inferior nature to that of the original home. As an example the windows and doors are hollow core and are not in keeping with the original single panel doors. Although my wife and I have made many period appropriate upgrades to the property the on-going upkeep of the structure in a manner befitting its historical significance is gaining the upper hand. A recent leak in the galvanized pipe system will necessitate the replacement of the hot water system as well as interior cosmetic wall repairs. A list of anticipated repairs as well as estimated associated costs is submitted with this application.

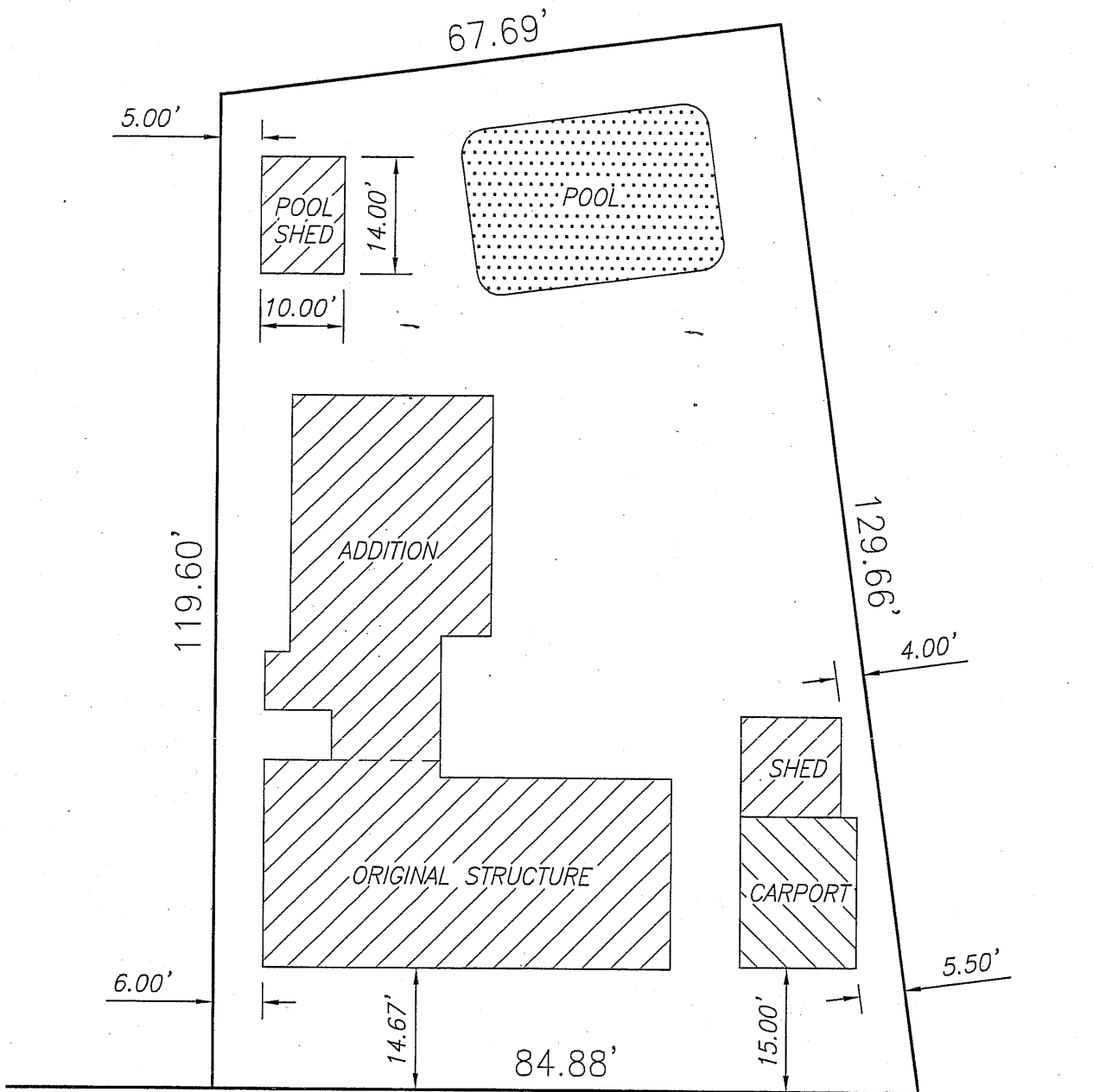
We would appreciate your assistance in processing this application. Should you have any questions or wish to tour the property please contact us at the number below.

Respectfully,



Russell and Mary Schaadt

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**SITE PLAN**  
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